

TO: All Providers

FROM: CareFirst of Maryland Inc.

Date: March 29, 2004

SUBJECT: HIPAA Requirement for Discharge Hour on Inpatient Claims

We have been notified in the next few weeks that the HIPAA translator will begin editing claims for discharge hour on final inpatient claims. If a claim was submitted without the discharge hour the claim will be dropped from the submission (IG edit). At this time, Direct Data Entry (DDE) has not been updated to accept discharge hour. It is important to bill the appropriate value in the discharge hour field. Listed below are the correct values for discharge hour.

Code	Time- a.m.	Code	Time- p.m.
00	12:00-12:59 Midnight	12	12:00-12:59-Noon
01	01:00-01:59	13	01:00-01:59
02	02:00-02:59	14	02:00-02:59
03	03:00-03:59	15	03:00-03:59
04	04:00-04:59	16	04:00-04:59
05	05:00-05:59	17	05:00-05:59
06	06:00-06:59	18	06:00-06:59
07	07:00-07:59	19	07:00-07:59
08	08:00-08:59	20	08:00-08:59
09	09:00-09:59	21	09:00-09:59
10	10:00-10:59	22	10:00-10:59
11	11:00-11:59	23	11:00-11:59
		99	Hour Unknown

This information was previously communicated in a provider bulletin dated March 7, 2004 (Change Request 2028, A-02-014).

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